

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE  
HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Hong Kong Bureau--February 1987

I. GENERAL

The American Embassy in Beijing in a 5 February message to the bureau sent the following kudos: "Embassy wishes to express our appreciation for the excellent job FBIS has done covering the fast-breaking events in China during the past two months. In terms of selection, timeliness, quality, and quantity, the contribution of FBIS has greatly facilitated and enhanced our work in Beijing."

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. An open watch was placed on the Philippine media on 2 February for the plebiscite on the draft constitution and again on 25 February, the first anniversary of the peaceful revolution which brought Cory Aquino to power. After the attempted coup in late January, these events were relatively peaceful. Radio reception remained variable ranging from fair for some casts to unmonitorable at other times. With a little ingenuity and by recording three different radio stations' broadcast of an Aquino speech on the plebiscite, the Philippine monitors were able to text a very poorly received speech. 7

2. On 1 February, a new Philippine radio, "Sports Radio 738", was observed to be broadcasting on 9615 Khz from Quezon City. Though heard with poor reception, the station helps to fill in some holes in the bureau's coverage when more prominent radios are unmonitorable.

3. In January the bureau began coverage of JIEFANGJUN BAO which became available to foreign subscribers at the beginning of the year. After two months of coverage, we estimate that this source will generate about 40,000 words a month.

4. The bureau assumed temporary coverage of Beijing Domestic Television for 25 and 26 February. This allowed Okinawa Bureau to use its large dish for a 24-hour scan of facsimile transmissions.

5. The bureau arranged for ad hoc delivery of the Vietnamese newspaper NHAN DAN to assist Bangkok Bureau when they experienced delivery problems for NHAN DAN and QUAN DOI NHAN DAN. Backstop

subscriptions for the two papers were also entered from Hong Kong. Procedures for routinely forwarding these copies to Bangkok are being established.

6. Over 10,000 words were processed from Shijiazhuang Provincial Service by the bureau during the month as a backstop for Seoul Bureau when problems with recording that station were encountered by the Beijing contractor.

#### B. Communications

On 10 February TCU tested a high frequency altroute as a backup for the bureau's primary circuit. During the test a number of problems surfaced but were resolved by the end of the week so that TCU is confident it now has a reliable HF altroute for the bureau.

#### C. Lateral Services

1. At the request of DLO, the bureau is providing a weekly recording of a short broadcast item from PRC provincial radios and the accompanying translation as well as old issues of WENZHAI BAO to the British Ministry of Defense Chinese Language School in Hong Kong. The U.S. military has a number of students attending the school. The students find the recordings very useful, much better than the materials available to them.

2. At the request of Bangkok Bureau on behalf of one of its local consumers, the bureau xeroxed and forwarded the text of an interview with the Thai crown prince published in Hong Kong's SOUTH CHINA SUNDAY MORNING POST.

#### D. Technical

1. Construction of an office and hotel complex between the bureau and the Cable & Wireless antenna field will block the bureau's microwave link this summer. C&W have now agreed to our use of one of their towers to install passive reflector antennas so that the microwave link can be maintained. Repositioning of the bureau's existing microwave antenna at the field and installation of the reflectors were discussed with C&W when Chief, FSB TDYed here.

2. No decision has yet been made by the Hong Kong Government to take over the Mt. Butler antenna field now leased to Cable & Wireless. The Civil Aviation Department responsible for Kai Tak Airport communications is continuing to carry out reception surveys at various proposed alternate sites. When the Aviation Department finishes its surveys, the bureau will use the equipment to conduct its own survey. In discussions with the Buildings and Lands Department, the consulate has been told that talks on the Mt. Butler site are in the preliminary stages, not the final stages. This is a step back from what we had been told last fall.

3. A Nefax facsimile machine to be used for transmitting HONGQI to Okinawa Bureau was purchased during the month. Installation awaits upgrade of the bureau's international direct dial line to a fax line which is expected by mid-March.

4. The following accountable property was procured during the month:  
1 Forum super XT, 640K, 2 floppy drives, multivoltage, M/N 88, S/N 10-87

1 Samsung Monochrome Monitor, M/N SM-125FAF, S/N 865009618

1 VHS Sharp VCR, 4 head/long play multisystem, M/N VC-699E, S/N 324458

1 JVC Color TV M/n C-140HM, S/N 15170267

1 Sony Radio MN/ ICF-2001D, S/N 76491

5. The following equipment was transferred to headquarters:

1 Forum super XT, 640K, 2 floppy drives, multivoltage, M/N 88

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### Personnel

A. An applicant for one of two Chinese monitor vacancies is in the final stages of processing and is expected to EOD in early March. Two candidates for the other vacancy are now in processing. Final selection and EOD should take place in April.

B. Head of the communication section [ ] and Chinese monitor [ ] were presented with length of government service awards during the month by the consulate. [ ] has 20 years of service and [ ] 10 years.

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### IV. VISITS

A. [ ] FSB, to the bureau 5 & 6 February including visits to a proposed site for a new antenna field and consultations with Cable & Wireless.

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B. [ ] C/Prod, visited the bureau 20 February.

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Bureau Chief

Attachment and 3 - HQs

cc: 1 - C/Bangkok  
1 - C/Okinawa  
1 - C/Seoul

## HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1987

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1048770
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	77870
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1445

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	2985	14550	244
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)			

CHINA	
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TAGALOG	3700
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	12400
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10220
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8470
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4290
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN MANDARIN	1640
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	13410
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	3940
LHASA XIZANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4260
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8530
SHIJIAZHUANG HEBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6550
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7960
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7900
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9170
XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5830
XINING QINGHAI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5060
YINCHUAN NINGXIA REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4480
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	16640

BEIJING XINHUA HONG KONG SERVICE IN CHINESE	3830
HONG KONG ZHONGGUO TONGXUN SHE IN CHINESE	2410
HONG KONG ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN CHINESE	18140
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN CHINESE	19010
BEIJING BAOGAO WENXUE IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH	18750
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN CHINESE	7890
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE	57050
BEIJING GUOJI SHANGBAO IN CHINESE	2140
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING HONGQI IN CHINESE	95840
BEIJING JIEFANGJUN BAO IN CHINESE	44910
BEIJING JINGJI CANKAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE	24900
BEIJING JINGJI RIBAO IN CHINESE	30390
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING JINGJIXUE ZHOUBAO IN CHINESE	2700
BEIJING LIAOWANG IN CHINESE	16330
BEIJING LILUN YUEKAN IN CHINESE	8410
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING NONGMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	8030
BEIJING QUNYAN IN CHINESE	6300
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	85120
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	11070
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE	7640
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE	8050
BEIJING WENYI BAO IN CHINESE	0

BEIJING WENZHAI BAO IN CHINESE	370
BEIJING XINWEN ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHEXUE YANJIU IN CHINESE	6790
BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAZHI BAO IN CHINESE	4700
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN BAO IN CHINESE	21340
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
CHONGQING CHONGQING RIBAO IN CHINESE	6040
FUZHOU ZHONGGUO JINGJI WENTI IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU KAIFANG IN CHINESE	2960
GUANGZHOU NANFANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN CHINESE	300
HONG KONG LIAOWANG OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	25240
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	1420
KUNMING YUNNAN SIXIANG ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
LANZHOU GANSU RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAOBAO IN CHINESE	5340
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	5910
WUHAN CHANGJIANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	3460
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
XIAN SHAANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	0

HONG KONG HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN ENGLISH	130
HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	680
HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LIMITED IN ENGLISH	0

HONG KONG AFF IN	
ENGLISH	65050
HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN	
ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN	
CHINESE	4880
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN	
CHINESE	7170
HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIENTAI IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN	
ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG HONGKONG STANDARD IN	
ENGLISH	12350
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN	
CHINESE	1550
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN	
CHINESE	10470
HONG KONG MING PAO IN	
CHINESE	4550
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN	
CHINESE	5890
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN	
ENGLISH	29360
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA SUNDAY MORNING POST IN	
ENGLISH	4150
HONG KONG SUNDAY STANDARD IN	
ENGLISH	5250
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN	
CHINESE	4970
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN	
ENGLISH	300
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN	
CHINESE	5760
NEW ZEALAND	
AUCKLAND THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD IN	
ENGLISH	0
WELLINGTON THE EVENING POST IN	
ENGLISH	5470
PHILIPPINES	
BAGUIO CITY MOUNTAIN PROVINCE BROADCASTING COMPANY IN	
ENGLISH	7170
BAGUIO CITY MOUNTAIN PROVINCE BROADCASTING COMPANY IN	
TAGALOG	830

DAGUPAN CITY DZDL RADIO IN	
TAGALOG	0
LAGOAG CITY NATION BROADCASTING COMPANY CORP. STATION DWRI IN	
ILOCANO	0
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN	
ENGLISH	12140
MANILA RADIO VERITAS IN	
TAGALOG	10880
QUEZON CITY DZSR RADIO IN	
ENGLISH	80
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN	
ENGLISH	780
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN	
TAGALOG	16020
QUEZON CITY SPORTS RADIO 738 IN	
ENGLISH	370
DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN	
ENGLISH	0
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN	
ENGLISH	0
MANILA MANILA BULLETIN IN	
ENGLISH	19160
MANILA PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER IN	
ENGLISH	11690
MANILA THE MANILA CHRONICLE IN	
ENGLISH	33500
MANILA THE MANILA TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	2420
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN	
ENGLISH	0
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN	
ENGLISH	0
MANILA THE PHILIPPINES STAR IN	
ENGLISH	680
MANILA THE SUNDAY TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	2180
QUEZON CITY ANG PAHAYAGANG MALAYA IN	
ENGLISH	18680
QUEZON CITY BUSINESS DAY IN	
ENGLISH	46350
QUEZON CITY VERITAS IN	
ENGLISH	630
QUEZON CITY WE FORUM IN	
ENGLISH	0